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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) AD HOC COMMITTEE

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REF: (A) USUN 3327; (B) CANBERRA 5240  
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(ALL NOTAL, BEING REPEATED AS APPROPRIATE)

1. FOR USUN AND CANBERRA: PLEASE CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO AUSTRALIAN MISSION AND DFA FOR GOA'S INFORMATIVE COMMENTARY AND SOLICITATION OF US VIEWS ON IOPZ DEVELOPMENTS. WE APPRECIATE AUSTRALIAN EFFORTS TO MODIFY DRAFT IOPZ RES. HOWEVER, WHILE SCALING DOWN INITIAL PROJECTED STUDY FROM "MILITARY PRESENCE" TO "NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS" WOULD BE IMPROVEMENT, WE COULD NOT SUPPORT RES IN ANY CASE. AS AUSTRALIANS AWARE, USG DISTANCED ITSELF FROM BOTH PREVIOUS IOPZ RESES. MANY CONCEPTS AND PREMISES UNDERLYING SRI LANKA'S INITIATIVE WERE AND REMAIN UNACCEPTABLE AND WE CANNOT SUPPORT RES BASED ON THOSE CONCEPTS AND PREMISES.

2. WE SHALL NOT ATTEMPT TO AFFECT OUTCOME OF ISSUE THROUGH RES OR AD HOC GROUP OTHER THAN TO REPEAT  
OUR BASIC DIFFICULTIES WITH THE IOPZ PROPOSAL AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE.

3. FOR USUN, PARIS AND THE HAGUE. COULD BE USEFUL FOR MISSION/EMBASSIES TO POINT OUT TO FRENCH AND DUTCH

OFFICIALS PROBLEMS WHICH COULD DEVELOP FOR ALL OF US FROM STUDY OF TYPE AD HOC COMMITTEE NOW CONSIDERING. WE HOPE THAT, RECOGNIZING POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES, THEY MIGHT MAKE REPRESENTATIONS THEY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF OUR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE, WE DO NOT WANT TO SOLICIT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CONCERTED LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

4. FYI. STUDY GROUP WOULD BE LIKELY TO INCLUDE DIEGO GARCIA, AS NAVAL FACILITY, UNDER "NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS" HEADING EVEN IF AUSTRALIAN MODIFICATION WERE ACCEPTED. IN ANY CASE, AUSTRALIAN FORMULATION PRESUPPOSES EVENTUAL GENERAL STUDY OF MILITARY PRESENCE IN AREA. ALTHOUGH THIS COULD PRODUCE INFORMATION USEFULLY ENLIGHTENING TO SOME (E.G., THAT FRENCH PRESENCE EXCEEDS US AND SOVIET) RESULT OF STUDY LIKELY TO CAST DOUBT ON JUSTIFICATION  
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FOR US PRESENCE IN AREA WHERE WE HAVE IMPORTANT SECURITY INTERESTS AS WELL AS CUT ACROSS OUR POSITION THAT SPECIAL REGIMES SHOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED FOR PARTS OF HIGH SEAS.  
END FYI.

5. FOR TEHRAN: AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT GOI WEIGH ADVISABILITY OF IRAN'S TAKING LEADING ROLE IN PROMOTING FURTHER ACTION ON IOPZ. ALTHOUGH

DRAFT RES SPEAKS OF GREAT POWER MILITARY PRESENCE "IN INDIAN OCEAN", IF THIS INTERPRETED AS INDIAN OCEAN AREA INCLUDING LITTORAL STATES AND CONTIGUOUS WATERS (PERSIAN GULF), PRESENCE OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN IRAN COULD BE INCLUDED IN STUDY. (FOR USUN: AS YOU DEEM ADVISABLE, YOU MAY MAKE POINTS ALONG ABOVE LINES WITH IRANIAN MISSION). RUSH

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